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Commissioners in action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting April 28. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 5 at 10 a.m.

At the April 21 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the lake county auditor.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for LCDU Sewer District and transferring cash from LCDU Sewer District transfers out to Madison Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion 289S transfer in.

- Resolution to remove Noce Enterprises, Inc. from the Lake County Waterline Improvement Project No. 261-W - McMackin Road due to breach of contract and authorizing a formal claim for completion of the project against the Surety Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America pursuant to the terms of the bond and the contract.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant April 25, in the amount of \$411,711.27.

The breakdown of charges is Public Assistance, \$90,789.16; Workforce Investment, \$71,705.40; Child Support Enforcement; \$1,161.94; and Child Welfare, \$248,054.77.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution declaring the Lake County Board of Commissioners' regular meeting schedule beginning May 5.

The meetings are subject to change so they should be

verified each week.

- Resolution authorizing the Lake County Sheriff to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources-Division of Watercraft to obtain matching funds in the amount of \$23,534.48 for marine patrol for the year 2011.

"I would point out that there is a match on this but it does not require general fund (dollars) at this time; there's still a balance in that account," Commissioner Dan Troy said.

- Resolution approving termination of the enterprise zone agreement between Ricerca, LLC and Concord Township.

A county resident wondered if the zone was in the Concord-Painesville JEDD.

Troy said he did not know the answer to that but explained that an enterprise zone agreement was a tax abatement program which reduced real estate and tangible personal property taxes.

Ricerca requested the termination so it would no longer have to complete the annual reports required since the TPPT has been eliminated.

- Resolution endorsing the goals established by the Lake County Continuum of Care in its plan: Home is in Sight - The 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Lake County.

- Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment II to the professional services agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Emergency Management Agency and Barbara M. Pizzi for Radiological Emergency Response Planning.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$1,781,601.94.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$690,985.20.

- Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution declaring April 15 through May 31 Clean and Green Lake County.

Chris Hodges, Lake County Solid Waste District coordinator, said the SWD

was once again donating trash bags and gloves for the annual Clean and Green program in Lake County. Volunteers will also receive coupons from McDonald's.

Cleanup projects will go on throughout the county and the county's annual special collections began April 23 with the scrap tire collection handled by Liberty Tire.

Commissioner Ray Sines thanked all the groups involved including the Lake County Solid Waste District, Ohio State University Extension, Lubrizol Corporation and McDonald's restaurants.

"We thank the community and the involvement and encourage everyone to participate, get the bags and help clean up," Sines said.

Groups or individuals who wish to participate may contact the OSU Extension Office in Painesville for supplies.

- Resolution declaring April Fair Housing Month in Lake County.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Bill Margalis, director of Administrative Services, reported the county had a 1.5 percent decrease in its renewal rate from 2010 with County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSAs) (a self-funded pool for property and liability insurance through the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO)).

By self-insuring its Workers Compensation, the county has saved more than \$6 million over the past six years. Claims in 2009 amounted to \$956,598 but were reduced to \$506,764 in 2010.

He attributed the reduction to the conscientious efforts in the departments to reduce injuries.

"Those are direct costs that we've saved," Margalis said.

Sines said there are few counties and agencies in the state that are self-insured.

FINANCE

"We did get our sales tax numbers in and they were up approximately 2.1 percent," said Budget Director Mike Matas. "For the year we are up approximately 4.2 percent, compared to 2010 and we're down 2.5 percent compared to 2009."

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues.